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## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MR. A. W. GRABAU has been appointed instructor in geology in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

OBERLIN COLLEGE receives \$75,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell of Michigan City, Indiana, and \$40,000 by the will of the late William Osborne of Pittsburg.

By provision of the will of the late Dr. John Stanford Sayre, U. S. N., retired, Princeton University will receive \$40,000, part of which is for the endowment of fellowships in applied chemistry and in applied electricity.

UNDER the will of the late Mr. Joseph Kaye, the Medical Department of the University College of Sheffield has received £1000 for the purpose of founding a scholarship for second-year students.

WE learn from *Nature* that by the will of the Mr. W. Hiddingh, who died on December 10, 1899, the University of the Cape of Good Hope is bequeathed the sum of 5000*l.* for the foundation of a scholarship to enable young persons to pursue and complete a course of professional study, the scholarship to be tenable for four years. To the University is also bequeathed the sum of 25,000*l.* for the purpose of building a university hall and suitable university offices, and a large piece of ground for the site of the building. The South African College will receive the sum of 10,000*l.* for the erection of a students' building.

THE University of Nebraska celebrated its thirty-first anniversary on February 15th, known as 'Charter Day,' by an oration by Dr. Allen R. Benton, Chancellor from 1871 to 1876, and since then of the faculty of Butler University, Irvington, Ind. After the oration, degrees were conferred upon six students who had completed the work for the degree of B.A., and upon one who had completed the work for the degree of B.Sc. The Regents, at their Charter Day meeting, discussed again the all-year-plan, *i. e.*, the plan of having four quarters of instruction, as in the University of Chicago. The subject was again referred to the Regents' Committee on Courses of Study. Dr. T. L. Bolton, of Clark University, was elected Instructor in Philosophy, to fill the place made

vacant by the recent death of Dr. Leon M. Solomons. Although the chancellorship was discussed, no election was made. It is the expectation of the Regents to make an election at their April meeting. The new Experiment Station Hall was accepted from the contractors, and it will be occupied at once. A contract was let for the completion of Grant Memorial Hall, by the building of a large transept which will double the capacity of the hall. The sugar-beet industry, in Nebraska, having passed the experimental stage, the Regents ordered the discontinuance of the sugar-beet experiments on the Experiment Station.

ANOTHER bill has been introduced into the Senate, establishing a University of the United States. The bill provides that the government of the university shall be vested in a board of regents to be composed of the President of the United States, who shall be president of the board; the Chief Justice of the United States, who shall be vice-president of the board; the commissioner of education, the president of the university, the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the president of the National Academy of Sciences, the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the president of the National Educational Association, the president of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations, the president of the American Historical Society, the president of the Washington Academy of Sciences, the presidents of the ten institutions of learning exclusive of State universities having the largest number of graduate students doing systematic original work; the presidents of the ten State universities having the largest number of graduate students engaged in like manner; the presidents of the ten other institutions, in as many States, not otherwise represented, having the largest number of students in the senior class of the academic departments, and six other citizens who, with their successors, shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. It is provided that 'University Square,' recently occupied by the old naval observatory, in this city, be the site for the national university.